

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Stiennon on 7/08/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 11, line 9; insert the word --secondary-- between the words "the" and "nozzle".

In claim 21, line 3; replace the phrase "secondary transverse nozzle area" with the phrase --transverse secondary nozzle orifice area--.

2. Claims 11-18, 21-27 and 33-37 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior arts of record, DE 3339222 and U.S. Patent No. 4,282,533 to Brooks et al fail to teach each and every limitation of the instant invention. Specifically, fails to teach or reasonably an array of nozzles for use in coating by high pressure spraying techniques a web of material moving in a first direction the array of nozzles comprising, among others, at least one row of a plurality of secondary nozzles oriented transverse t the first direction; wherein each secondary spray nozzle has portion defining a tapered duct,

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tapering to a close tip in which a V-shaped groove has been machined, wherein each secondary spray nozzle is connected to a preliminary nozzle, and wherein the preliminary nozzle starts from a preliminary nozzle orifice which leads into an expanding duct, the expanding duct being connected to the tapered duct of the secondary nozzle.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YEWEBDAR T. TADESSE whose telephone number is (571)272-1238. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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